

Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment", as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved February 16, 1959.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.

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CHAPTER 224
 (House Bill 54)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 40A of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", to provide an optional procedure for land acquisition in Baltimore County, Maryland, and to submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (Three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 40A of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", sub-title "Eminent Domain", the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become Section 40A of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland.

40A. Same—Baltimore City **[.]** and *Baltimore County*.

The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, to be agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a Jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation, but where such property is situated in Baltimore City and is desired by this State or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the General Assembly may provide for the appointment of appraisers by a Court of Record to value such property, and that, upon payment of the amount of such valuation to the party en-